

## Oviedo Garden Club minutes

March 18, 2025

The March meeting of the Oviedo Garden Club for the year 2024-25 was held from 10:00a to 12:00p at Sweetwater Park in Oviedo. Hostesses were Martha Clouse and Melody Sweigert, Lynne Moore read the devotion: enjoying every aspect of life. Beverages and pastries were provided.

The business meeting was called to order by Hope Scheller, President.

**Roll call:** Laurie Magyar: 17 members and 1 golden member attended.

**Member Report:** Jill LeRoux absent: Gayle Parmelee was a visitor.

**Treasurer Report:** Carol Dufrene: reported a balance of \$3227.53. Hope Scheller reviewed the budget.

**Sunshine:** Carol Brown absent: Birthday's acknowledged.

### Updates:

**Triangle workday:** Next work party Friday, March 21, 9am.

**Monthly meetings venue:** not discussed

**Garden in Focus:** no current schedule

**Plant Sale:** April 12th. 7a-3p. Sign-ups for 2hr shifts. Reviewed procedures. Garden gnome stakes are being made to decorate plant pots.

### New Business

#### Golden Membership Review:

Hope Scheller proposed the following changes to the bylaws:

#### Section 3.1 Golden Memberships

- a. Golden memberships will be active or inactive.
- b. Members with five or more years of active membership may notify the board about changing their status to golden.
- c. Members with fewer than five years who need to change their status shall do so at the discretion of the board.
- d. Golden members may not hold office.
- e. Active golden members.
  1. Shall pay annual dues as required by article 5.
  2. Shall vote on business matters.
  3. Shall attend meetings, activities, plant sales, and special functions.
  4. Shall not be responsible for hosting a monthly meeting.
- f. Inactive golden members.
  1. Annual dues are welcome, but not required once inactive.
  2. Shall attend meetings, activities, plant sales, and special functions if they desire.
  3. Shall not vote on business matters.
  4. Shall not be responsible for hosting a monthly meeting.

#### Article 5 dues

Section 1. Dues shall be \$10 per member, per fiscal year.

Section 2. Dues shall be \$10 per active golden member, per fiscal year.

Section 3. Golden (inactive) members are welcome to, but not required to pay dues.

Lori Brenner motioned to change golden membership rules to the above proposals . Barb Reichley seconded motion. Motion was voted and adopted.

**New Facebook Page:** Hope Scheller started a new Oviedo Garden Club Facebook page that is available to the public. This will help to advertise plant sales, club membership and donations. The original Facebook page will continue to be available for club members only.

#### **Club initiatives:**

**Donations:** Paulette Smith:

**Fall and Spring Grants.** A discussion was held on adding a fall grant. \$1500 would be budgeted for each spring and fall. Application deadlines will be 10/1 and 3/1. Scholarship awards will remain once a year. Motion to adopt by Paulette Smith, second by Martha Clouse. Motion voted and adopted.

**Scholarships:** 1 applicant: Alana Blunt, a Oviedo HS grad who will study the ecology and importance of plants in the oceans. A motion was made by Mary Lou Burgess to award a \$2500 scholarship to applicant. This is more than the usual \$1000 grant because there was only one grant awarded this year. Sally Galvan seconded. Motion was voted and adopted.

**Grants:** 1 applicant: LESA Gardens asked for \$403.98 for 2 benches for the moon garden. Martha Clouse motioned to award \$500 and Hope Scheller seconded. Motion was voted and adopted.

#### **Give Back Community Projects**

**Flowers for Nursing Homes :** members will make flower arrangements for nursing homes, possibly in conjunction with Benevolent Bouquets. Flowers will be purchased. Chairperson will be needed. Further discussion to follow in September.

**Historic Oviedo Colored Schools Museum.** Discussion for a butterfly garden when museum opens. Grant application is past time for this year. Will consider in fall grants.

**Oviedo Boys and Girls Club** Discussion on need for trees for shade. Grant application Not received. Will consider in fall grants.

Melody Sweigert gave a presentation from the National Wildlife Federation on Habitat Essentials, and a checklist to confirm the elements required to become a certified wildlife habitat.

**Next meeting:** No April meeting due to Plant Sale that month  
Meeting adjourned. **Submitted by Laurie Magyar**